



REGULAR MEETING OF THE RMCS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

November 10, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

Approved Minutes

Location(s)

Virtual Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89335730882?pwd=bTRWVGyxbnFnUXduWEhva1lOWGRaUT09>

Meeting ID: 893 3573 0882 **Password:** 4z5WfS

A. Call to Order

Roll Call: Director Hautau called to order at 5:01pm - Directors Dorsey, Hammons, Lohrentz, Matthews, Hautau, Strong, Executive Director Mannion, Business Manager Conde

B. RMCS Mission & Vision

Read by Director Lohrentz

C. Public Comment

None

D. Approval of Agenda

Changes: None

Motion to Approve: Hautau, Second: Matthews

Aye: Dorsey, Hammons, Lohrentz, Matthews, Hautau, Strong

Nay: 0, Abstentions: 0

E. Board Development

1. Discussion: Review of CSDC Brown Act Training. Director Dorsey completed, other board members to complete by next Board meeting.
2. Discussion: Board Self-Evaluation - Suggestions were entertained on updates for survey
3. Resignation of Dir. Dorsey due to relocation

F. Approve Minutes

1. August 11, 2021 Minutes
Motion to Approve: Dorsey, Second: Hammons
Aye: Dorsey, Hammons, Matthews, Hautau, Strong
Nay: 0, Abstentions: 1 Lohrentz,
2. August 22, 2021 Minutes.
Motion to Approve: Dorsey, Second: Strong
Aye: Dorsey, Hammons, Lohrentz, Matthews, Hautau, Strong
Nay: 0, Abstentions: 0
3. September 8, 2021 Minutes
Motion to Approve: Hammons, Second: Strong
Aye: Hammons, Matthews, Hautau, Strong
Nay: 0, Abstentions: 2 Dorsey, Lohrentz
4. October 13, 2021 Minutes
Motion to Approve: Matthews, Second: Strong
Aye: Dorsey, Hammons, Lohrentz, Matthews, Hautau, Strong
Nay: 0, Abstentions: 0

G. Communications

1. RMCS Executive Director's Report

- Curriculum and efforts include student social needs, History's Mysteries with an additional Equity focus,
- Operationally, HR work including subbing, significant time on fiscal/budgeting, new LCAP requirements ahead
- Volunteers working on grants and fundraising- PEF Grant of \$15,000 for Garden Curriculum. RMF is tirelessly working on fundraising.
- COVID management is time-consuming. It is also affecting attendance.
- Spanish-speaking faculty/staff meeting to determine how to best promote the school within the Latinx community.
- Monthly equity work meetings are open to all employees. RMCS accepted into *Embracing Equity 2022 Leadership Cohort*.
- Dir Hammons suggested a mid-year celebration to support faculty and staff. A dinner for the staff will be considered at the next board meeting.

2. Finance Report

Current work on First Interim Budget and attending workshops. Awaiting Audit Report from auditors.

3. River Montessori Foundation Report

No report this month

4. Marketing Report

Directors Dorsey and Strong shared enrollment promotion cards to be distributed by families and faculty/staff in the greater community.

5. Facilities Report

No report this month

H. Items for Board Consideration

1. Discussion & Action: COVID-19 Update

No protocol changes. COVID-19 vaccinations now available for children ages 5 - 11. No legislative directive yet. No action.

2. Discussion & Action: Circumstances of Emergency & Continuance of AB 361 Exemptions 3.

The RMCS BOD will host December meetings virtually after considering the 1) state of emergency and 2) the continued recommendation of state/local officials to recommend social distancing which impacts the ability of BOD members and the public to meet safely.

Motion: Hautau, Second: Strong

Aye: Dorsey, Hammons, Lohrentz, Matthews, Hautau, Strong

Nay: 0, Abstentions: 0

3. Discussion & Action: Educator Effectiveness Grant

Educator Effectiveness Grant 2021-2026 presented for the amount of \$49,524 for FY 2021-2026. No Action.

4. Discussion & Action: American Rescue Plan - Homeless Children and Youth II (ARP-HCY II)

Postponed

5. Discussion & Action: Fundraising Committee

Discussion regarding volunteer fundraising group and committee needs. The BOD is invited to the Fundraising Meeting on November 18, 2021, 1 p.m. No Action.

I. Future Agenda Items

J. Adjournment: 6:05pm

Motion: Hautau, Second: Hammons

Aye: Dorsey, Hammons, Lohrentz, Matthews, Hautau, Strong

Nay: 0, Abstentions: 0

Notices

Future Meeting Date(s): Virtual Meetings: 5 p.m., On-Campus Meetings: 6:30 p.m. TBD pending health directives.

December 8, 2021

March 9, 2022

June 9, 2022

January 12, 2022

April 13, 2022

February 9, 2022

May 11, 2022

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I, Judith Matthews, Secretary of the RMCS Board of Directors, hereby certify that these minutes were approved at the 12/08/2021 RMCS Board Meeting.

Electronic Signature:

Judith Matthews

Secretary, RMCS Board of Directors

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